

**MORGANTOWN TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
HELD MARCH 4, 2024**

The Town Council held a special meeting on Monday, March 4 after the scheduled Executive Session. The Council met to review an application for Deputy Town Marshal. The meeting was called to order by President, Joe Blevins. Council members present were; Courtney Allen, Penny Anderson, Jeremy Baker, David Johnson and Council President, Joe Blevins. Also present were; Town Marshal, Ryan Swank, Deputy Marshal, John Bise, and Clerk Treasurer, Sharon McIntosh. Dustin White was the applicant for the position.

A discussion was held between the Town Marshal, Ryan Swank and the Council members concerning applicant, Dustin White. After the discussion Dustin White was introduced to the Council. Mr. White spoke about his family and the Council heard about his experience with law enforcement. After another brief discussion a vote was taken on whether to hire Dustin White as a Morgantown Police Officer. Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion to hire Dustin White as the new Police Officer for the Town. Council member, Courtney Allen seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion. Dustin White will have to attend the Law Enforcement Academy before he begins working for the Town.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank spoke about needing to use Jared Smith for as many hours as possible. The Council agreed for Jared to work 29 hours a week to help the department out while Dustin Smith is at the Law Enforcement Academy. The motion to allow Jared Smith to work 29 hours a week was made by Council member, David Johnson. The motion was seconded by Council member, Jeremy Baker. All members voted in favor of the motion.

Town Marshal, Ryan Swank asked the Council if they would approve overtime for up to 10 hours a week for John Bise, while Dustin White is in the Police Academy. A motion was made by Council member, Courtney Allen to approve overtime hours for John Bise of up to 10 hours per week while Dustin White is in the Police Academy. The motion was seconded by Council member, Penny Anderson All members voted in favor of the motion.

The Town Marshal asked the Council to approve adding John Bise to the Swatt training program, one Tuesday a month. The training would be considered part of his weekly schedule working for the Town. Council member, Penny Anderson made a motion to approve Deputy John Bise to attend Swat training one Tuesday a month and to consider this training part of his weekly hours working for the Town. Council member, David Johnson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

## **Public Comment**

Resident, Joe Clephane brought in several maps and wanted to discuss the survey completed by Halloway for the Sycamore Park property. Joe said the Park survey was not done correctly and he had the maps to prove it. He asked the Council to withdraw the letter that was sent to David Huff instructing Mr. Huff to remove his pool and arbor by June 1 from Town property. Joe said if the Town would stop that order, he would try to have David Huff stop his law suit against the Town. Council President, Joe Blevins asked Joe Clephane to return at the March 11, 2024 Council meeting when the Town Attorney, Lee Robbins would be present and discuss this issue at that time.

There was no other business before the Council and the meeting was adjourned by the President.

Council Special Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2024, signed March 11, 2024

ATTEST:

Sharon McIntosh

CLERK TREASURER, SHARON MCINTOSH

3/11/24

Dated

Joe Blevins

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT, JOE BLEVINS